

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) An image conversion system comprising:
a digital image generation means which reads out an image on photographic film and generates a digital image signal representing the image;

a format conversion means which converts the format of the digital image signal into EXIF format ~~a predetermined format used in a digital camera~~ separate from the digital image generation means; and

an image signal recording means which records the digital image signal in EXIF ~~the predetermined~~ format on a recording medium which can be loaded in the digital camera.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the digital image generation means includes

a film scanner for reading an image from the photographic film as an analog signal, and

an A/D converter for converting the analog signal to the digital image signal.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the format conversion means includes

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a color transformation means for converting the digital image signal into an 8-bit digital image signal for the digital camera, and

a format processor means for converting the 8-bit digital image signal into EXIF format ~~the predetermined format for the digital camera~~.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) An image conversion system, comprising:

a digital image generator reading out an image on photographic film and generating a digital image signal representing the image;

a format converter converting the format of the digital image signal into EXIF format ~~a predetermined format used in a digital camera~~ separate from the digital image generator; and

an image signal recorder recording the digital image signal in EXIF ~~the predetermined~~ format on a recording medium to be loaded in the digital camera.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 5, wherein the digital image generator includes

a film scanner reading an image from the photographic film as an analog signal, and

an A/D converter converting the analog signal to the digital image signal.

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 7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the format converter includes

a color transformer converting the digital image signal into an 8-bit digital image signal for the digital camera, and

a format processor converting the 8-bit digital image signal into EXIF format ~~the predetermined format for the digital camera~~.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) An image conversion method, comprising:

reading out an image on photographic film and generating a digital image signal representing the image;

converting the format of the digital image signal into EXIF format ~~a predetermined format used in a digital camera~~, which is separate from a source from which the image on photographic film was read out of; and

recording the digital image signal in EXIF ~~the predetermined~~ format on a recording medium to be loaded in the digital camera.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the step of reading out an image on photographic film and generating a digital image signal representing the image includes

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using a scanner to read an image from the photographic film as an analog signal, and

converting the analog signal into the digital image signal.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the step of converting the format of the digital image signal into EXIF format~~a predetermined format used in a digital camera~~ includes

converting the digital image signal into an 8-bit digital image signal for the digital camera, and

converting the 8-bit digital image signal into EXIF format~~the predetermined format for the digital camera.~~

12.-13. (Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) The image conversion system of claim 1, further including recording medium selecting means selecting a desired recording medium from a plurality of types of recording mediums which can be loaded into a digital camera.

15. (Previously Presented) The image conversion system of claim 1, wherein services provided exclusively for the digital camera are available.

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16. (Previously Presented) The image conversion system of claim 5, wherein services provided exclusively for the digital camera are available.

17. (Previously Presented) The image conversion system of claim 9, wherein services provided exclusively for the digital camera are available.
